

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 599 without my signature.

While this bill attempts to simplify an overly complex education finance system, this bill has several technical concerns in the way it was drafted. I am concerned that the consolidated “add-on” may not be revenue neutral, as the author intended, since various factors could result in unanticipated General Fund costs or savings in future years. Furthermore, the bill as crafted may diminish the incentives for districts to offer longer instructional time.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger